

V. REMARKS

On November 10, 2005, Applicant filed a Supplemental Amendment After Final Rejection submitting a clean version of a substitute specification along with a marked-up version of the substitute specification with no new matter added to the substitute specification. The Advisory Action mailed on November 18, 2005, indicates that the proposed amendments filed after rejection will not be entered. Applicant assumes that the proposed amendments refer only to the claims and not to the substitute specification. However, should be Examiner desire that Applicant file a new substitute specification, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner notify Applicant in the next Office Action to provide a new substitute specification (both clean and marked-up versions).

The title of the invention is objected to. The title is changed as indicated above to overcome the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In the final Office Action dated August 23, 2005, claims 1-5, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Germany 801 in view of Minds, Wu and Nagata. Claims 1, 2, 10/1 and 10/2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Brikett in view of Kameda, Kostich and Nagata. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

The socket of the present invention has both a shutter held inside of the socket housing and a shell covering the outside of the socket housing, and the shell has a pair of members for preventing the shutter from coming out from the socket housing.

However, connectors disclosed by the references other than US 2008/0018833 AI (Nagata) have either the shutter or the shell. Therefore, there is no motivation to combine a reference disclosing a connector having only a shutter with another reference disclosing a connector having only a shell. Moreover, if a reference disclosing a connector having only a shutter is combined with another reference disclosing a connector having only a shell, it is not obvious that the shell should have a pair of members to atop the shutter.

In fact, in Nagata, the only reference disclosing a connector having both a shutter and a shell, the shutter is stopped by engaging a claw piece 52 processed on the shutter 5 in a grounding contact piece 41 formed on the housing 1 (not the shell) as

shown in Fig. 4. Therefore, the shutter and the housing (not the shell) need to be formed to prevent the shutter from coming out from the housing and this leads to complication of the structures of both the shutter and the housing, even in the reference (Nagata) disclosing a connector having a shell including members for stopping the shutter.

In contrast, a part of the shell is bent to form a pair of members for stopping the shutter according to the present invention. Such a structure is not disclosed in the references. Therefore, the present invention has advantages in that it is not necessary to form the shutter and the housing, and that the structures of the shutter and the housing are simple.

It is respectfully submitted that the United States Patent and Trademark Office misunderstands the differences between the present invention and the references. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that the current amendments do not add any additional elements. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that they do not raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

At least for the reasons set forth above, claims 1-5, 8, 9 10/1 and 10/2 are allowable over the applied art.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by any one of Germany 801 or Bricket. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 11 is canceled therefore the rejection as applied thereto is now moot.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

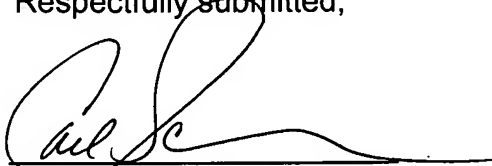
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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